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A NOTE FROM EDITOR, TEDD, KB8NW: Because I will be attending the Dayton HamVention, there will not be a bulletin for May 20th (unless there is a major announcement). Please, continue to send your information (you never know!).

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 5/May, through Sunday, 12/May there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7O, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HM, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH1, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2V, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5W, SAMOA. Ted/K8AQM and David/K8AA will be active as **5W0TR** and **5W0AA**, respectively, **July 2-12th**. Activity will be 40-10 meters mainly CW, Digital and some SSB. QSL both callsigns via K8AA.

6O, SOMALILAND. Baldur, DJ6SI, who has been active as **6O0X** from here, will be active for a few more days (probably the end of the week). Most of his activity has been mainly on 20/17/15 meters CW, however, he has been on other bands. Somaliland, which has declared itself independent from Somalia (T5) in 1991, does not qualify for anything for DXCC. The license was issued by Somaliland government, not Somali government.

CONTEST DATE CHANGED. Jim, K8MR, reports that the **2002 Ohio QSO Party (OQP)** date, as published in the Contest Calendar in the May/June NCJ, has been changed to Saturday, **August 24th**. This is to avoid the Labor Day weekend. The OQP runs from 1600z Saturday to 0400z Sunday, August 25th.

DAYTON EVENTS.....

- According to Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, the program for the **DX Dinner** will be a presentation on the recent **VP6DI operation**.
- The **Northern Ohio DX Association** (along with WVNO Radio) will once again sponsor a **Hospitality Suite** at this year's Dayton Hamvention. It will be in Suite 1011 on the 10th Club Floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel (old Stouffers) on Friday and Saturday evenings. All DXers/Contesters are welcome. Munchies and refreshments will be available. Come and meet the members and friends of NODXA.

DXCC NEWS.....

- Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports that QSLs for **OJ0U**, Market Reef, are being accepted for DXCC.
- QSLs for **D6/WB4MBU** still are **not** approved for DXCC because WB4MBU has not provided documentation for DXCC credit.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELO ISLANDS. Jean Christophe, FP5AC, President of the Saint-Pierre & Miquelon Islands ARC, informs that their next DXpedition will take place on **June 21-23rd**. They will go to the **Ile aux Chevaux** (Horses Island - IOTA NA-032, DIFO FP009). The Ile aux Chevaux is a little 90m diameter island located in the Barachois off Miquelon. The crew consists of four "JEANS", Jean-Christophe/FP5AC, Jean-Pierre/FP5CJ, Jean/FP5BU, Jean-Marc/FP5BZ and the cook, SWL Claude. They will go first to Miquelon village by Land Rover, then they will use two little boats to go and land on the Ile aux Chevaux. Jean-Christophe, FP5AC, states a lot of thanks go out to Monsieur Joseph LUCAS, the owner of the island who gave them the kind permission for landing and staying there. The ARC's callsign, FP5KE, will be used on all bands from 160 to 10 meters and they also plan to be active on 50 Mhz. A special QSL card will be issued, so listen carefully to the operator's instructions to get one.

GOLDEN JUBILEE. The complete press release by Don, G3XTT, GB50 Publicity Officer, will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin. **GB50** activity will take place from a marquee on the North Terrace of Windsor Castle from 0900z on **May 29th** until 2100z on **June 9th**, with operation daily from 0700-2200z on all bands 80 through 6 meters. Visit the following Web site for all the latest news on the arrangements for the Golden Jubilee amateur radio event at: <http://www.gb50.com>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-099.** Members of the radio club Stip (Z37M/Z30M), Macedonia, and the members of the radio club from Istanbul, Turkey, TA1KA, will be active from the Island of **Bozcaada** between **May 20-28th**. Activities will be on all bands (160-10 meters) including 6m, 2m and 70cm, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. There will also be participation in the **CQWW WPX Contest**. Members of the radio club Stip are: Z31MM/Momo, Z31GX/Chris, Z31RM/Todor, Z32PT/Tone, Z33F/Zoki, Z36W/Venco and YU7AV/Voja from Yugoslavia as a honorary member of the club. Members of the TA1KA radio club are: TA1E/Aziz and TA2DS/Selim. Callsigns will be TA0/homecall, and they will also use the special callsign YM0KA. QSLs for YM0KA are via TA1KA and for the others via home callsigns. More information about the expedition are available at: <http://www.qsl.net/z30m/Bozcaada.html>
- **AS-118.** A group from the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will operate from [Failaka Island](#) with the callsign [9K2F](#). If everything goes as planned, they should be active [May 22-31st](#). QSL via 9K2RA; bureau is OK.
- **EU-125.** A group of German Scouts will be active from a camp site in Kongsmark on the Danish northsea island **Roemoe** (Locator JO45GC). The Scout Club station, OZ1RDP, will be on the air from **May 18-21st**. Their activity will be on 80-2 meters CW/SSB. Operators will be DL9BCP, DL4KBS, DM1CG, DL9BQ, DG2BCI and DG2BCJ.
- **NA-091.** Frank, VE7DP, informs OPDX that the planned operation from NA-091 on May 11-12th was postponed until **May 18-19th**. The operation was going to take place from Rebecca Spit Provincial Park on **Quadra Island**. Due to unusually cold weather, the park remains closed until May 15th. No other suitable operating location could be found on short notice.
- **NA-148.** Tony/WF1N and Lou/W1DIG will be on **Thacher Island July 26-28th**. Operations will start around 1500z Friday and end about 1800z Sunday. Their activity before and during the IOTA Contest will be with a tribander, dipoles and an amp for 40/80. Operations will take place on/near the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL to their home calls direct (sae and postage, pse) or Bureau. Tony, WF1N, a.spino@snet.net Lou, W1DIG, megawatt@snet.net, will accept requests for Bureau Cards via E-mail. E-mail requests do not require a card to them via the Bureau. Thacher also counts for Lighthouse Awards: WLH, LH-0924 and ARLH, USA-105.

K1B QRT. The K1B DXpedition to Baker Island finished its operation on **May 7th**, at 1800z. Last official report says about 86000 QSOs were made. Logs are still not completely uploaded on the K1B Web site.

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS AND ACTIVITY.....

- Jim Weidner, K2JXW, Founder and President of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, reports in a press release: "The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS), as part of **National Lighthouse Week**, is sponsoring its annual August lighthouse event, **August 3rd and 4th**, 2002. Formerly known as the **National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend**, or NLLW, the event's name has been changed to better reflect the participating lights. With a growing membership in our society from Canada and South America, the event will now be known as the **PanAmerican Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (PAL-LW)**. Details on this increasingly popular ARLHS operating event, as well as guidelines for operating in the ILLW (**International LL Weekend**), **August 17th-18th**, will follow soon from Dave, NF0J, the ARLHS Contest Chairman."

- Good news for Lighthouses hunters. A lighthouse was spotted in the picture on the K1B Web page, and it will be added to the list of ARLHS Lighthouses. Here is the quote from Ted, W8TTS: "In doing some research, I've noted that there was a lighthouse on **Baker Island**. And, as the Lighthouse List Keeper for the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS), I was wondering, if the QSL cards haven't been printed yet, if the ARLHS number could be included. It is: ARLHS BAK-001 Baker Island Lighthouse"
- During the month of May, look for **W1KSI/p** to be active from the following Hudson River, NY, lighthouses: **Esopus Meadows** (USA 276), **Roundout Creek II** (USA 702) and **Tarrytown** (USA 836). QSL via W1KSI, CBA.

NET ACTIVITY. Donald, KB6QLC, suggests to check out the **Ten-Ten** nets on 28800 kHz, as well as 28380 kHz which is active everyday (except Sunday) at 1800z.

OC, PERU. To commemorate/celebrate the foundation of the **International Telecommunication Union** on **May 17th (World Telecommunications Day)**, all OA stations may use the special prefix "**OC**" between **May 13-19th**, on all authorized bands and modes. Look for station **OC4O**. The official station of the Radio Club Peruano will be on the air during that week, on all bands, SSB and also CW. Also, the Radio Club Peruano, under the auspices of the Ministry of Transport, Communications, Housing and Construction (MTCVC) of Peru, has created a "**World Telecommunications Day - International Contest**". Please, check out the following Web site for details at: <http://www.qsl.net/oa4o/oadx.htm>

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Look for Seppo, OH1VR, to be active as **OJ0VR** from **June 7-11th** and **July 8-11th**. Activity will be on 160-6m CW/SSB. He will use a A4S and a 5 element on 6m. QSL via OH1VR CBA.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. The group of SM5AJV, SM0GNS, SM5HJZ and SM0HPL will be active from Market Reef (**EU-053**) from **June 13-16th**. They will travel by boat, and the unpredictable sea surrounding Market Reef may cause landing problems. Any changes in plans will be announced on the Web page: <http://www.mistra.se/oj0/> Operation plans are CW and SSB on 160-6 meters. They will try to be on the air with at least two station 24 hours a day. Other modes might be possible (RTTY, PSK31 etc.). QSL Manager is SM5HJZ. QSL via the bureau is preferred. If possible use the QSL-request form on the home page in order to speed up the QSL-handling. Your QSL-card is not necessary. For direct cards, send to: Jonas Ytterman, Lilla Breden, SE-740 10 Almunge, SWEDEN (1 USD or 1 IRC and self-addressed envelope is required).

OY, FAROE ISLANDS. Tom/DL2RTK and Ric/DL2VFR will be active as **OY/homecall**, **May 20-22th**, from **Streymoy Island (EU-018)**. This will also count for **Streymoy Island Lighthouse** (ARLHS FAR-034). QSL via home calls.

P4, ARUBA. Mike/N3MT and Dick/W3RM will be active from Aruba, **May 29th through June 19th**, as **P40MT** and **P40RM**. Operation will be on 160 through 6 meters, mainly CW, some SSB. QSL via their U.S. calls, CBA.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Ed, **P5/4L4FN**, is back in Pyongyang after a little holiday in different parts of Asia. He is now using an Ameritron AL80A amplifier that was donated to him by Martti Laine, OH2BH, Bernie McClenny, W3UR and Al Baker, W5IZ, which he picked up on his stop over in Beijing. Also, this past week was a "BIG JOY" for many DXers who received

their P5 QSL in the mail. (ed. It was worth the wait! TNX you Bruce)

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- "YEA, what is the QSL status of **S9LA**?", asks one of readers. Well, we do not know. Does anyone out there know or could anyone provide an update for our OPDX readers?
- Last week we sent out a request about the QSL status of the **KC4USV** and **KC4AAA** QSL. Several readers have informed OPDX that they have received their QSLs about month ago (some say a week turn around). Russ, W7LWI, informed OPDX that he E-mailed the QSL Manager (Larry, K1IED) and asked if all cards would be sent out before the new postage rates went into effect (June). He replied that he felt all would be sent before that time. Also, Harry, W6DXO, has been in touch with K1IED. He was told by Larry that he has just finished a large batch for KC4AAA QSLs and should be caught up in a couple of weeks. Also, the KC4USV logs just came in, and he believes most of the backlog should be done by the end of the month.
- Bob, WB2YQH, informs OPDX why **5X1GS** QSLs have not been available for the past 3 months. Here is the story on the missing in action 5X1GS: Graham has spent most of his time since Christmas up on the border with Sudan rather than Kampala. He got home to find his E-mail connection was not working as someone had stolen the entire length of telephone line on his street! He says he should be spending most of his time in Kampala now and will be active on 17 meters over the weekends. Bob states that he has the log file for the current period up through April. The UK department that Graham works for set up a satellite link to their server in Scotland just to get it back up. The local telecom boys are getting/provdng a new telephone line. Bob states everything should be back to the 24 hour turnaround on QSLs. Please QSL with a SASE or SAE/IRC via WB2YQH.
- **D68C QSLING STATUS**. Phil, G3SWH, has now confirmed over 56,000 QSOs and is completely up-to-date with all incoming direct and E-mail requests. New requests continue to be received with each mail delivery! Under normal circumstances, Phil is able to respond to incoming requests within about 48 hours. Attention is now turning to bureau cards, and Phil has already received several large boxes of cards via the bureau system. Replying to these will take some time, so do be patient. As a reminder, the D68C cards are four sided, printed in full color and weigh about 10 grams. Each card carries the information for 3 QSOs, so if you made lots of QSOs, a direct request should be accompanied by adequate reply paid postage and a strong SAE. In any case, outside Europe, one IRC covers just 10 grams of weight, and as even one card and envelope are likely to exceed this weight, one IRC is generally not enough for postage for non-European stations. If insufficient postage is received, then cards may be returned via surface mail or via the bureau, although they are able from time to time to get cards mailed in the U.S., which helps to overcome weight limits for US applicants. Phil says that there is some evidence that a small number of incoming and outgoing cards have been lost by the postal authorities. If you mailed your card on or after 1st March 2002 and have not yet received a reply, he suggests that you apply again. For the latest information about the QSLing process you may want to refer to the expedition web site at: <http://www.dxbands.com/comoros/>
- **E4/OE1GZA QSL STATUS**. Guenter, OE1GZA, informs OPDX that the recent adverse Middle East situation has caused havoc for direct QSLing via P.O.Box 1133, Ramallah. All direct QSLs, which arrived there between December 2001 and April 2002, have just now been retrieved and have been replied to. So anyone who sent a card to there during

this period who has not received a response by early June 2002, must unfortunately consider his inbound mail lost. Please resend direct to OE1GZA in Austria, address in QRZ.com - which incidently is the new QSL-info (do not use the above P.O.Box any longer!!). The E4/OE1GZA log is available on QSL.net: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/index.html> Details about the E4-DXpedition(s) can be found on:

<http://www.geocities.com/dh2gz/arise4.html>

- Please be advised that the callsign **EO57JM** is used by the Crimea Contest Club, and that QSL is via KG6AR at CBA.
- QSLs for **VP6AJ**, **VP6VT** and **VP6TK** should be sent to K9AJ at his CBA.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI. Eric, **T30ES** (N1JSY), on the island of Butaritari in Western Kiribati, will be off the air the until approximately **May 16th** to attend Peace Corps meetings in Tarawa. His exact return date is dependent upon local transportation. For the latest information and his operation schedule, check the Web page at: <http://people.mags.net/boem/kiribati1.htm>

TN, CONGO (CONGO DXPEDITION 2002 READY TO START!!). Josep, EA3BT, informs OPDX that he and Nuria, EA3WL, are ready to start their DXpedition. They will be leaving for Brazzaville, May 16th, and hope to be on air as soon as they get everything setup. Their callsigns will be **TN3B** and **TN3W** (to be issued upon arrival). They are going to put 2 simultaneous stations on air. The bands will be from 80-6 meters, SSB, RTTY and some CW. You can find all the information about this operation at: <http://www.ea3bt.com> They are happy to announce that their pilot stations are:

- Pere Galimany, EA3AJI - Pilot for EU and SA congo@ea3aji.com
- Dr. Bill Avery, K6GNX - Pilot for USA k6gnx@telemetry.com
- Yuk Deguchii, JI6KVR - Pilot for JA ji6kvr@orange.ocn.ne.jp

They expect to be able to have their logs online and update them daily. You can check it at the Web page. They have also put the propagation tables on their Web page from all the different zones of the world towards TN.

TY, BENIN. After their trip in North Benin in 2001, operators F5MOO/**TY7Z**, F5CWU/**TY9F**, F5AOV/**TY4DX** and F1PJB/**TY6FB** are planning another DXpedition to the South part of Benin (**Grand-Popo**, near the Togo border) which will take place **July 15th through August 14th**. More details to follow later.

UE9, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Look for special event callsigns to be used by a Siberian radio amateurs correspondence club called "Radio-Prim" (RPC). They will be activating the special events callsigns **UE9OWQ** and **UE9ORQ** now through 0000z **May 20th**, to commemorate the **9th Anniversary of the formation of the RPC** on 15th on May, 1993. They expect to have 65 members of the RPC active on the bands. A special award is available called, "Radio-Prim.Novosibirsk" ("R-P.N"), during this time of activity. For more information on the contest, check the Web page: <http://www.nsk.su/~rpc/> QSL via the bureau or direct to UA9ORQ: P.O. Box 868, NOVOSIBIRSK, 630089, RUSSIA.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that he will be **VK9XV** on Christmas Island (**OC-002**), **May 18-25th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w and a doublet with open feeder line, or Outbacker Perth mobile Antenna. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. His Web pages are as

follows: Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9XV/> Mirror USA:
<http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9XV/>

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that he will be **VK9LO** on Lord Howe (**OC-004**), **May 28 through June 7th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w and a doublet with open feeder line, or Outbacker Perth mobile Antenna. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. His Web pages are as follows: Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9LO/> Mirror USA:
<http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9LO/>

VP2, MONTSERRAT. Geno/WA3IOU and his wife (Mar)lene/N3LGY, will be on here as **VP2MEB** and **VP2MAB**, from **October 14-25th**. They will be staying with Keith, VP2MEG. QSL to home callsign.

XE1CI UPDATE. Lenny, K5OVC, reports that Nellie is seeing a therapist daily at her house. The therapist has Nellie walking. She took 8 steps. The therapist has started Nellie on her recovery program. As soon as she is able, she wants to get on the radio and her computer; the doctor has OKed it. Nellie wants to thank all her amateur radio friends for their love and support, and thoughts and prayers.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. **YA5T** should be active again this week both by Peter/ON6TT and Mark/ON4WW. Mark will be there for the **next two months**, Peter will only be there for **a few days** and Robert, S53R, will be there **within a few weeks**. He is currently in Palestine.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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